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RESULTING FROM FLYING HEIGHT MODULATION

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2004, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the claims and remarks below.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.